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BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL TURKISTAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE -- TURKELI

The following are the by-laws of the organization of Turkistani emigres living in Western Europe, as adopted at their first assembly held in Munich, Germany, on 29 and 30 August 1952.

Article 1

The committee's name is: National Turkistan Liberation Committee -- Turkeli (Turkistan Milli Azatlik Komitesi -- Turkeli).

Article 2

The committee's official headquarters and administrative office will be decided upon at the meeting of its members.

Article 3

The committee's main objective and task is to liberate Turkistan from the Bolshevik-Communist oppression and to struggle for the attainment of Turkistan's national unity and sovereignty.

The committee will set up its program and strategy for the realization of this objective and for the national-political organization of the state of Turkistan.

The National Turkistan Liberation Committee -- Turkeli shall be the leader of the Turkistani movement in the struggle for the acquisition of national sovereignty.

Article 4

It shall be the policy of the organization to unite all the Turkistani-Turkic racial entities into one national sovereign state on the principle of equality among all these entities. An equal number of members for each racial entity shall be appointed to this committee. The committee shall consist of 18 members, three each from the Uzbek, Kazakh, Kirgiz, Tadzhik, Turkmen, and Kara-Kalpak racial entities.

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The committee members must recognize in advance the National Unity of Turkistan, as mentioned in the previous paragraphs of the present by-laws, and exert every effort to establish a sovereign democratic state of Turkistan.

The members of the committee shall not be permitted to bring up questions based on claims of the individual racial entities.

Article 5

The committee's organs are:

- a. The congresses and assemblies
- b. The meetings of the committee members
- c. The presidium

Article 6

The Congress or the Assembly is the highest organ of the committee.

a. The committee members must be elected by the Congress or Assembly of the Turkistanis in the manner indicated in Article 4. The delegates of the various Turkistani racial entities shall have the right to propose candidates for membership on the committee from within their own group.

In case the candidate who has been proposed in this manner does not obtain the necessary number of votes from the plenum of the Congress or Assembly, the delegates of the racial entity to which the unsuccessful candidate belongs must propose another candidate.

b. Until such time as the Congress or Assembly meets, the committee members may be appointed temporarily in the manner indicated in Article 4.

c. The length of time for which the committee members will serve will be decided by the Congress or Assembly of the Turkistanis.

Article 7

During the interval between the successive Congress or Assembly meetings, the committee's affairs will be expedited at the meetings of the committee members.

Article 8

The meeting of the committee members must be called by the chairman and the secretary of the committee at least once every 3 months.

The committee members meet extraordinarily:

- a. Following a special decision of the presidium.
- b. Following the substantiated request of more than half of the committee members. The committee chairman and the secretary will preside regularly at the meetings of the committee members. However, the committee members shall have the right to elect a different person to preside at any meeting.

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The meeting of the committee members is empowered to expedite all matters pertaining to the National Turkistan Liberation Committee and to take decisions in this connection. The committee members are authorized to create a Turkistani Red Crescent Society. The decisions of the committee meetings shall be adopted by simple majority. However, decisions shall be adopted only if three fourths of the committee members are present at the meeting.

The by-laws may be changed by decision of two thirds of the members present.

Article 9

a. The committee members shall elect from among their midst the members of the presidium.

b. The presidium shall consist of six members -- one member from each racial entity.

Article 10

The presidium shall have recourse to all necessary means in order to carry out the committee's program. The presidium is responsible to the committee and to the Congress or Assembly of the Turkistanis.

The presidium is the executive organ of the committee members and is responsible for carrying out their decisions based on the national Turkistani policies.

Article 11

The presidium shall be called together by the first secretary at least once every month.

The presidium shall also be called together extraordinarily at the request of at least three members of the presidium or on the demand of the committee chairman.

The decisions of the presidium shall be adopted by simple majority. In case of a tie, the chairman's vote will be the deciding one.

Article 12

The committee's administrative functions are delegated to an administrative committee composed as follows:

- a. Committee chairman
- b. Vice-chairman
- c. First secretary
- d. Chief of the political information, press, and radio section
- e. Chief of the military affairs section
- f. Chief of the economic section
- g. Chief of the religious affairs section
- h. Chief of the studies and research section

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The committee can, at its discretion, increase or lower the number of the sections and modify their duties or rights.

The election of all who will hold responsible positions on the committee, namely the committee chairman, vice-chairman, and section chiefs, will take place at the meeting of the committee members.

The Turkistani Assembly shall appoint a three-member control committee.

Article 13

The chairman will head the committee and will be its official representative.

It is the duty of the chairman to coordinate the activities of the different sections.

In case the chairman wants to resign, he must inform the presidium at least 2 weeks in advance. In such an emergency, it will be necessary that an extraordinary meeting of the committee members be convened.

In case the committee chairman cannot cooperate with the majority of the presidium or the majority of the committee members express lack of confidence in him, he must resign.

Article 14

The vice-chairman replaces the chairman whenever the latter is absent, or carries on the chairman's duties with the latter's approval. The vice-chairman may also be assigned the duties of a section chief.

Article 15

The first secretary is responsible for the organizational as well as for all the administrative affairs of the committee.

He shall supervise the secretariat and see that office affairs are expedited properly. The first secretary shall keep an official record of the committee's and presidium's meetings. Important letters or documents must have the previous approval of the chairman or vice-chairman.

The first secretary shall call meetings of the presidium and of the committee's members.

Article 16

The chief of the political information, press, and radio section shall be responsible to the committee for carrying out its press and information program. It shall be his duty to organize the committee's library and to collect the necessary books and other works and also to further the committee's national and cultural objectives.

Article 17

The chief of the military affairs section is responsible for all military and technical questions and affairs of the committee.

Article 18

The chief of the economic section is responsible for expediting all economic and financial affairs in a proper manner. Receipts and outlays must be approved in principle either by the chairman or by the presidium.

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Receipts and outlays must be recorded in the organization's official cash book. Unless decided otherwise, the chief of the economic section shall submit a report to the committee at the end of every fiscal year.

The presidium, after hearing the financial report of the chief of the economic section, shall have the right to authorize the control committee to check his transactions. Unless decided otherwise, the committee's cash assets shall be deposited with a bank or a postal savings administration. All vouchers pertaining to receipts or outlays of funds must be signed by both the section chief and the chairman of the committee.

Following the decision of the presidium, the chief of the economic section must expedite the committee's social affairs. All social and financial assistance to Turkistanis must be based on a previous decision of the presidium.

Article 19

The chief of the religious affairs section shall be charged with handling religious matters pertaining to Turkistanis and looking after their religious training.

Article 20

The chief of the studies and research section supervises matters connected with the national-social, political-economic, and international status of the Turkistanis. Whenever necessary, he expresses in writing his opinion on important matters.

Article 21

If necessary, the committee may establish branch offices in foreign countries. The administrative heads of these offices must be approved by the presidium and are subject to its direction. These offices must operate in accordance with the committee's by-laws and national-political program and under the definite direction of the presidium.

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In accordance with the by-laws of the National Turkistan Liberation Committee -- Turkeli, the following persons were elected to the various organizational committees:

Committee

Dr A. Keskin, Docent O. Ahmetcan, Atahan Z. Sugar, Erges Eralli, G. Qosoy, T. Yakuboglu, Eng K. Kanatbay, D. Gokbori, Cumabek Akbergen, Dr A. Koc, M. Erkin, K. Batir, S. Gayratuj, A. Samikoglu, K. Allan, Hudayar Nurmahanbet, Hamit Fayzullah, and Nurmat Cobbar

Control Committee

Chairman, G. Sultahmurat; vice-chairman, S. Tagay; secretary, A. Gulamcan

Presidium

Eng K. Kanatbay, Docent O. Ahmetcan, Dr A. Koc, S. Gayratuj, H. Fayzullah, G. Qosoy

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Administrative Committee

Chairman, K. Kanatbay; vice-chairman, O. Ahmetcan; first secretary, S. Gayratuj; chief of political information, press and radio section, Dr A. Koc; editor of Turkeli, G. Qosoy; chief of military affairs section, C. Akbergen; chief of economic section, M. Erkin; chief of religious affairs section, -- (the presidium is temporarily in charge); chief of studies and research section, Dr A. Keskin.

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